Translating Center

INFR2: Partnering Opportunity to Create a CIRM Translating Center

Objective

The mission of California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is to accelerate stem cell treatments to patients with unmet medical needs.

The objective of this partnering opportunity is to create the CIRM Translating Center, a focused preclinical research organization specializing in stem cell treatments. This organization will support activities related to stem cell process development and manufacture and preclinical research necessary to obtain an Investigational New Drug (IND) application. Operating from a facility permanently located within California, the Translating Center will support CIRM-funded projects but will also be expected to build a sustainable business that will extend the services to other clients in the future.

The Translating Center will coordinate with CIRM's Accelerating Center to deliver its preclinical Core Services to CIRM-funded project teams. The Accelerating Center will act as the lead organization in interactions with the FDA in support of regulatory submissions and, therefore, both centers must work together to support a cohesive development plan for the client. Together, these CIRM Infrastructure Programs will support CIRM-funded translational, preclinical, and clinical projects to develop stem cell treatments for patients with unmet medical needs.

As with the Accelerating Center, the Translating Center is expected to achieve substantial efficiencies by focusing on stem cell treatments. It is important to note that these centers are designed to address common concerns raised by **both researchers and regulatory officials**, making them valuable tools to increase the quality and speed of clinical and translational stage stem cell projects.

Please see the RFA for full details:

- **INFR2: Partnering Opportunity to Create a CIRM Translating Center**
- **INFR2: Translating Center Background Presentation**
- **INFR2: Frequently Asked Questions & CIRM Responses (Updated 7.21.16)**

To Submit an Application:

1. Go to the **Grants Management Portal** (https://grants.cirm.ca.gov) and log in with your existing CIRM Username and Password. If you do not have a Username, Click on the "**New User**" link and follow the instructions to create a CIRM Username and password.
2. After logging in, Click on the Menu tab. Select the tab labeled "**Open Programs**". Undert the section labeled "**RFAs and Programs Open for Applications**", click on the "**Start a Grant Application**" link for your selected program.
3. Complete each section of the Application by clicking on the appropriate link and following the posted instructions. Proposal templates can be located and submitted under the "**Uploads**" section.
4. To submit your Application, click on the "**Done with Application**" button. The "**Done with Application**" button will be enabled when all of the mandatory sections have been completed. Please note that once this has been selected, you will no longer be able to make changes to your Application.
5. To confirm submission of your Application, select the tab labeled "**Your Applications**" and check the table under the section labeled "**Your Submitted Applications**". You will see your Application number and project title listed once the submission process has been completed.

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